

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
June 12, 2014
MINUTES

PRESENT: Colleen Schaller, Carol deLemos, Phyllis Fanger, Dan Goldberg, Andrea Rae, Lianne Relich
NOT PRESENT: Scott Brightman, Ed Cosgrove, Susanne Hughes, Eilene Kleiman,
STAFF: Jamie Brenner Gutner, LaTanya Steele
CONVENE: 6:00 p.m. – The Center at the Heights, 300 Hillside Avenue

Discussion:

- I. Call To Order – 6:05 p.m. – Colleen Schaller, and Carol deLemos Co-Chairs**
Colleen Schaller, Co-Chair, called the May June 12, 2014 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
Dan Goldberg moved that the Board vote to approve the May 8, 2014 Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Andrea Rae seconded the motion. The motion carried, unanimous vote.
- III. Chairperson’s Report – Carol. deLemos & Colleen Schaller**
The Nominating Committee presented a brief report. The committee noted that C. deLemos and C. Schaller have agreed to continue as co-chairs if elected.

Andrea Rae moved to accept the recommendation. Phyllis Fanger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous vote.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the donation of patio furniture for The Center at the Heights.

Andrea Rae moved that the Council on Aging Board of Directors request that the Board of Selectmen accept the donation of patio furniture valued at approximately \$8000 from the Needham Exchange Club to The Center at the Heights. Lianne Relich seconded the motion. The motion carried, unanimous vote.
- IV. Executive Director Report – J. Brenner Gutner**
The Board expressed their appreciation for an amazing and informative Executive Director’s Report.

C. Schaller expressed that those attending Dorene Nemeth’s presentation about Medicare and the SHINE program raved about it. C. Schaller stated that the group of Financial Advisors wanted accurate knowledge to share with their clients and came away with helpful information.

J. Brenner Gutner noted that the next issue of the Senior Compass will be a double issue, twelve pages full, over fifty programs. J. Brenner Gutner also noted that The Center at the Heights is a dynamic place, often several rooms are full with programming at the same time, everyone is working hard to make this happen and it is very nice to see. J. Brenner Gutner expressed that the Wellesley Council on Aging has asked that she come and talk about the accreditation process and strategic planning. J. Brenner Gutner added that she has also been approached by Boards of other towns to talk about this and also the process of building a new building.

C. deLemos asked about the roll out of the pilot fitness program, and who could come in and participate. J. Brenner Gutner responded and stated that the program is growing. 15 persons have purchased their access card, which is \$20 per month. J. Brenner Gutner added that once The Center at the Heights has data on usage and demand she can work with the Friends to secure additional funding. J. Brenner Gutner also added that the fitness program would be opened, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Friends of the Needham Elderly (F.O.N.E), Inc. Report – J. Brenner Gutner

J. Brenner Gutner reported that the topic of discussion was on what to do with the Senior Compass. J. Brenner Gutner added that some members are leery about publishing a double issue on a regular basis but have agreed to publish a double issue for September/October.

J. Brenner Gutner stated that a Friends of the Needham Elderly name change has been voted on and will be announced at their Annual Meeting in July.

V. Springwell Report –

J. Brenner Gutner attended a meeting at Springwell on the nutrition program.

J. Brenner Gutner noted that Springwell is waiting to hear vote on Elder Affairs Budget.

VI. Committee Reports

Action Plan Subcommittee – E. Kleiman, L. Relich

The Action Plan Subcommittee will re-convene in the fall regarding next steps from the accreditation recommendations.

Senior Center Update – C. Schaller, J. Brenner Gutner

L. Relich and C. Schaller went to Boston Showcase to pick out items for the kitchen.

C. Schaller noted that she wanted to be sure that The Center had enough items on hand for an upcoming cooking class. C. Schaller stated that the items should arrive by the end of the week.

The conversation veered to a general discussion on forming an Executive Committee for the summer should a situation arise that would require a Board vote. Several members indicated their desire to serve. After some discussion a vote was not taken.

J. Brenner Gutner spoke briefly about the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), a program designed to help employ older Americans age 55 and older. J. Brenner Gutner stated that The Center at the Heights is a host agency.

D. Goldberg asked how the review process is coming along regarding applicants interested in serving on the Council on Aging Executive Board. C. Schaller noted people are currently being interviewed by the Board of Selectmen, five persons have expressed interest in the positions.

VII. Board Member Update

Colleen Schaller is having knee replacement surgery in August.

Andrea Rae is considering relocating to the North Carolina area.

Lianne Relich will be celebrating her 50th Wedding Anniversary in August. Family will be celebrating in West Dennis.

LaTanya Steele as submitted an application to Suffolk University's graduate degree program.

D. Goldberg made a motion to adjourn the June 12, 2014 COA Board Meeting. A. Rae seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.